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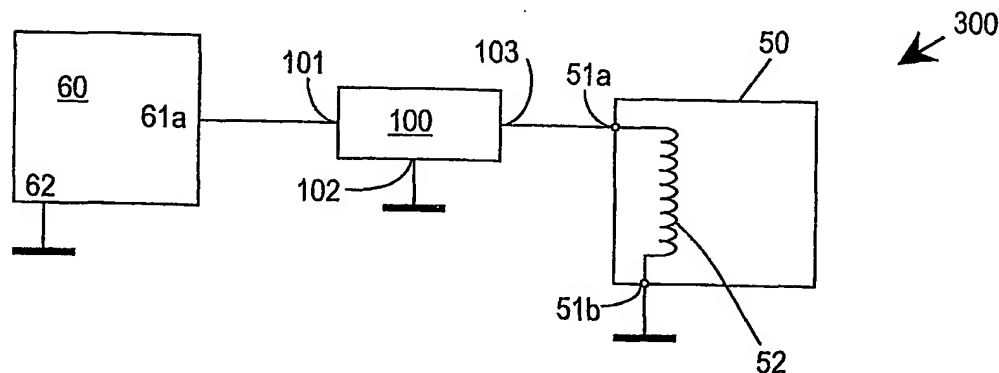
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR DRIVING AN ACTUATOR, ACTUATOR DRIVE, AND APPARATUS COMPRISING AN ACTUATOR



(57) Abstract: An actuator driver circuit comprises a drive signal source (60) and an electrical damping element (100) having a negative resistance connected in series with the drive signal source (60). A controllable switch is provided for selectively switching said electrical damping element (100) into or out of a signal path from a drive signal source output to a driver circuit output, in order to selectively amend the electrical damping of an actuator, especially to increase the electrical damping of a radial actuator or a focus actuator of an optical disc drive in case of loss of track or loss of focus, respectively.

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